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USDA ANNOUNCES NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON SOLID WASTE MOVEMENT FROM HAWAII TO IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON

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We are advising the public that the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has prepared a regional programmatic environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact relative to the interstate movement of municipal solid waste from Hawaii to landfills in the states of Idaho, Oregon and Washington. The environmental assessment contains a general assessment of the potential environmental effects associated with moving garbage interstate from Hawaii to Idaho, Oregon and Washington subject to certain pest risk mitigation measures and documents our review and analysis of the environmental impacts associated with, and alternatives to, such movements. Based on its finding of no significant impact, APHIS has determined that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared.

This notice is scheduled for publication in June 18 *Federal Register*.

To view the notice and the comments we received, go to
<http://www.regulations.gov/fdmspublic/component/main?main=DocketDetail&d=APHIS-2007-0070>.

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